to horticulture, sericulture, pisiculture, floriculture, poultry farming, animal husbandry and computer software; and

(e) if so, whether this scheme has been fully implemented by Government; if not, what are the grey areas with reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Export and Import Policy is kept constantly under review and Public Notices and Notifications are required to be issued in public interest to further streamline the procedures related thereto.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Export Oriented Unit (EOU) Scheme has been extended to units engaged in manufacture of agriculture, acquaculture, animal husbandry, floriculture, horticulture, pisciculture poultry, sericulture, etc. w.e.f. 1-3-1993 vide para 93 of the Export-Import Policy, 1992—97. Further, Export Oriented Units in agriculture acquaculture, animal husbandry floriculture, horticulture, pisciculture, poultry, culture, etc. have been made eligible to sell upto 50% if their production in volue terms, subject to fulfilment of minimum value addition and export obligation specified in the Export & Impor* Policy, 1992—97, as amended.

Trade Agreements with Foreign Countries

1286; SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of countries with which Government have signed trade agreements during the current financial year indicating the terms and conditions laid down thereof;

(b) the details of items exported/imported (country-wise) indicating the value in foreign exchange as per the trade agreements with these, countries during, the current financial year upto 30th .September, 1993 as compared to the corresponding period last year; and

(c) what specific efforts are being made by Government to boost the Country export to these countries keeping in view the changing global trend in economic /trade cooperation amongst European Countries ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Government has signed trade agreements with 7 countries as shown below:

Country	Date
Govt. of Sultanate of Oman	June, 1993
Lithuania	2-7-1993
Latvia	10-9-93
Estonia	15-10-93
Belarus	14-5-93
Uzbekistan	24-5-93
Slovak Republic	14-5-93
Slovenia	7-12-93

These Agreements envisage setting up of Joint Commission Jonit Ventures and make provision for both parties to accord 'to each other the Most Favoured Nation Treatment with regard to their economic, commercial & technical relation. Payment for goods traded shall be in freely "convertible currencies.

(b) A detailed statement showing figures upto August 93 is annexed. (See below);

(c) Discussion at Govt, to Govt, level, participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, encouragement to Indian companies to establish direct contact with their counterparts in those countries etc. are some of the measures being taken to boost, «or exports.

Statement

India's Export to other country—April, 1993 & 1992

Country/Commodity	April—Sept. 1993	April—Sept. 1992
Oman		
Rice, Tea, Spices, Fresh Fruits, Cotton Fabrics and some machinery equipment	82 Crores (April—July)1	216.5
Lithuania		
Drugs, Pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals	20.49	
Machinery and Instruments	14.79	
TOTAL		41.82
Latvia		
Tea	8.64	
Spices	4.53	
Drugs, Pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals	9.59	
Machinery and instruments	3.42	
TOTAL		27.85
Estonia		
Tobacco	121.21	
TOTAL		134.12
Belarus		
Drugs, Pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals	119.25	
TOTAL		126.84
Uzbekistan		
Leather and manufactures	42.40	
Footwear of leather	40.03	
RMG cotton incl. accessories	65.28	
RMG Wool	24.77	
TOTAL		221.90
Slovak Republic		
Coffee	18.10	
Ferro Alloys	950.31	
Cotton yarn incl. accessories	40.54	
TOTAL		1030.62
Slovenia	683.03	

India's Imports from other country, April, 1993 & 1992

Country/Commodities	April—Aug. 1993	April—Aug. 1992
Oman		
Crude Oil, Oil Produces dates, non-ferrous metals scrap etc.	17 Crores	59 crores
Lithuania		
Transport equipment	193.79	
TOTAL		193.79
Latvia		
TOTAL		0.01
Belarus		
Machinery except electrical & Mechanical tools	47.43	
TOTAL		56.49
Slovak Republic		
Iron and steel	112.87	
Artificial resins. plastic matr.	221.24	
Transport equipment	142.56	
Project goods	68.79	
TOTAL		602.70
Uzbekistan		
Organic chemicals	80.80	
Project goods	91.79	
TOTAL		
Slovenia	262.45	Nil
Estonia	Nil	Nil

Export of Onions to Bangladesh

1287. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to suspend the export of onions to Bangladesh and other countries for a certain period till a new crop is harvested ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received any representation from any State Govetn-ment that before allowing export of onions there should be consultation between the centre and the States in order to correctly assess the position of scarcity which may prevail in the States for some time; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps Government pro-pose to tale in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI-KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) Under-the Exim Policy 1992-^-97, export of onions is canalised through